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# **DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

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**Press Briefing  
October 27, 2020**

**[de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)**

# Delaware Cases of COVID-19

**24,249 total cases**

**686 total lives lost**

**Hospitalizations:**

**24 new      93 current      20 critical**

*As of October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**NEW  
CASTLE**

**12,814**  
**positive cases**  
*since first case confirmed on  
March 11, 2020*

*As of October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**3,462**  
**positive cases**  
*since first case confirmed on  
March 11, 2020*

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**7,882**  
**positive cases**  
*since first case confirmed on  
March 11, 2020*

*As of October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19

**7.3** percentage of persons  
testing positive *(7-day average)*

*As of October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

**3.4** percentage of tests that  
are positive *(7-day average)*

*As of October 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

**132** new cases per day  
*(7-day average)*

*As of October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

# Rate of Positive Cases per 10,000 Population by Age Group

Oct 26

0-4

80.2

Oct 26

5-17

117.3

Oct 26

18-34

365.9

Oct 26

35-49

327.2

Oct 26

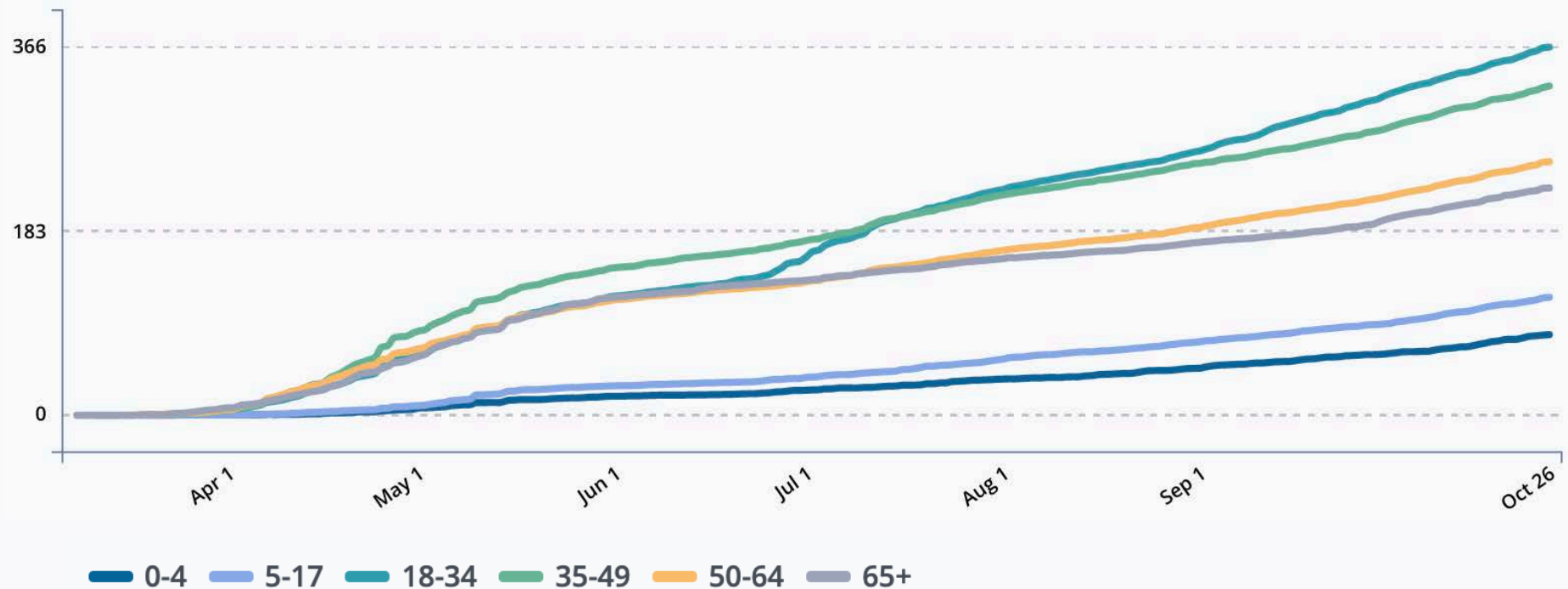
50-64

252.1

Oct 26

65+

225.9



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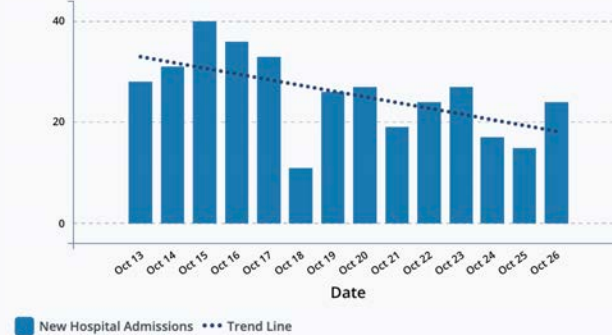
# COVID-19 Data Dashboard

## 14-day View

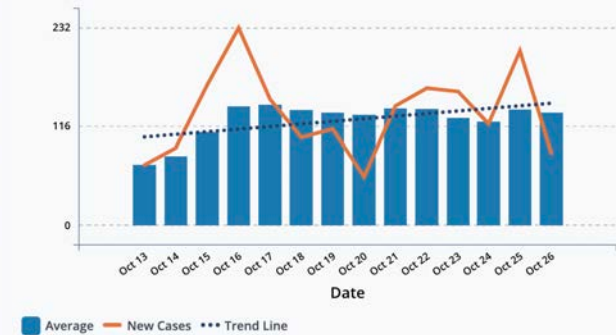
Current Hospitalizations Updated: 10/27/2020



New Hospital Admissions (Confirmed and Suspected with COVID-19) Updated: 10/27/2020

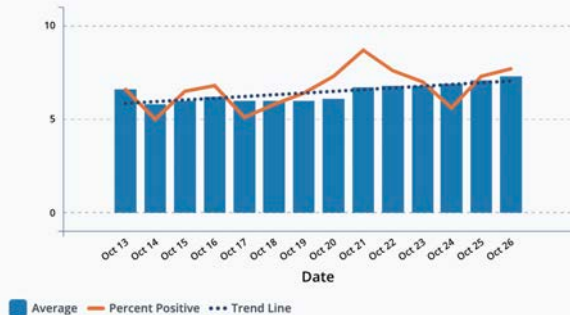


New Positive Cases Updated: 10/27/2020



### Percentage of PERSONS Testing Positive

Percent of persons testing positive

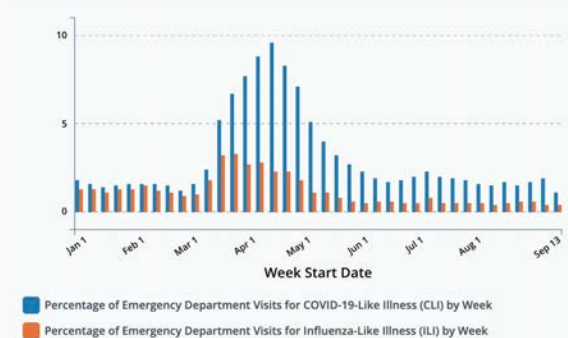


### Percentage of TESTS that are Positive

Percent of tests that are positive



Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week Updated: 10/27/2020



View more data: [de.gov/healthycommunity](https://de.gov/healthycommunity)



# COVID-19 Data Dashboard

## 90-day View

Current Hospitalizations

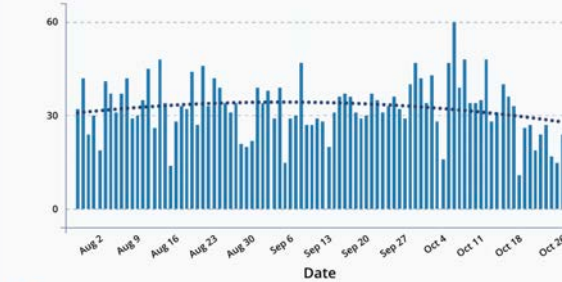
Updated: 10/27/2020



■ Current Hospitalizations (Statewide) \*\*\* Trend Line

New Hospital Admissions (Confirmed and Suspected with COVID-19)

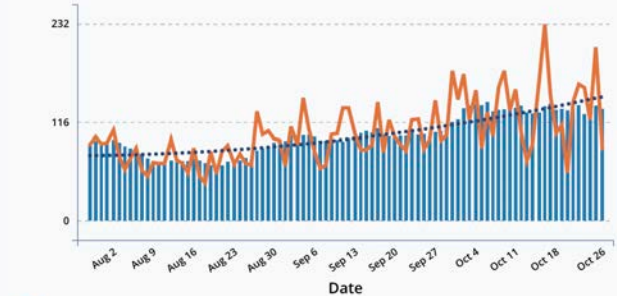
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■ New Hospital Admissions \*\*\* Trend Line

New Positive Cases

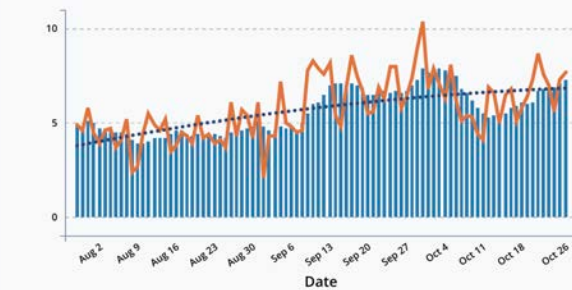
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■ Average ■ New Cases \*\*\* Trend Line

## Percentage of PERSONS Testing Positive

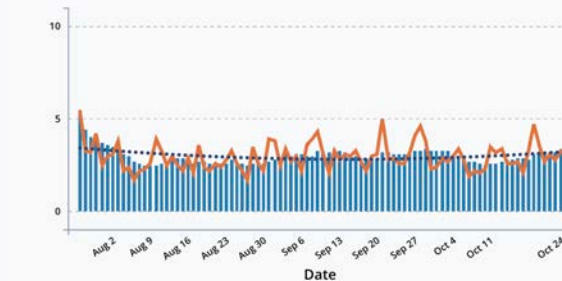
Percent of persons testing positive



■ Average ■ Percent Positive \*\*\* Trend Line

## Percentage of TESTS that are Positive

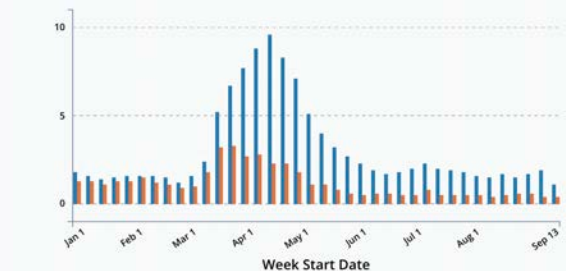
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■ Average ■ Percent Positive \*\*\* Trend Line

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# COVID-19 Data Dashboard

## Delaware's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory Status



### Fluid Resistant Gowns and Isolation Gowns

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



### Glasses and Goggles

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



### Isolation and Procedural-Ear Loop Masks

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



### Surgical Masks

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



### Face Shields

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



### Gloves

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



### N95 Masks

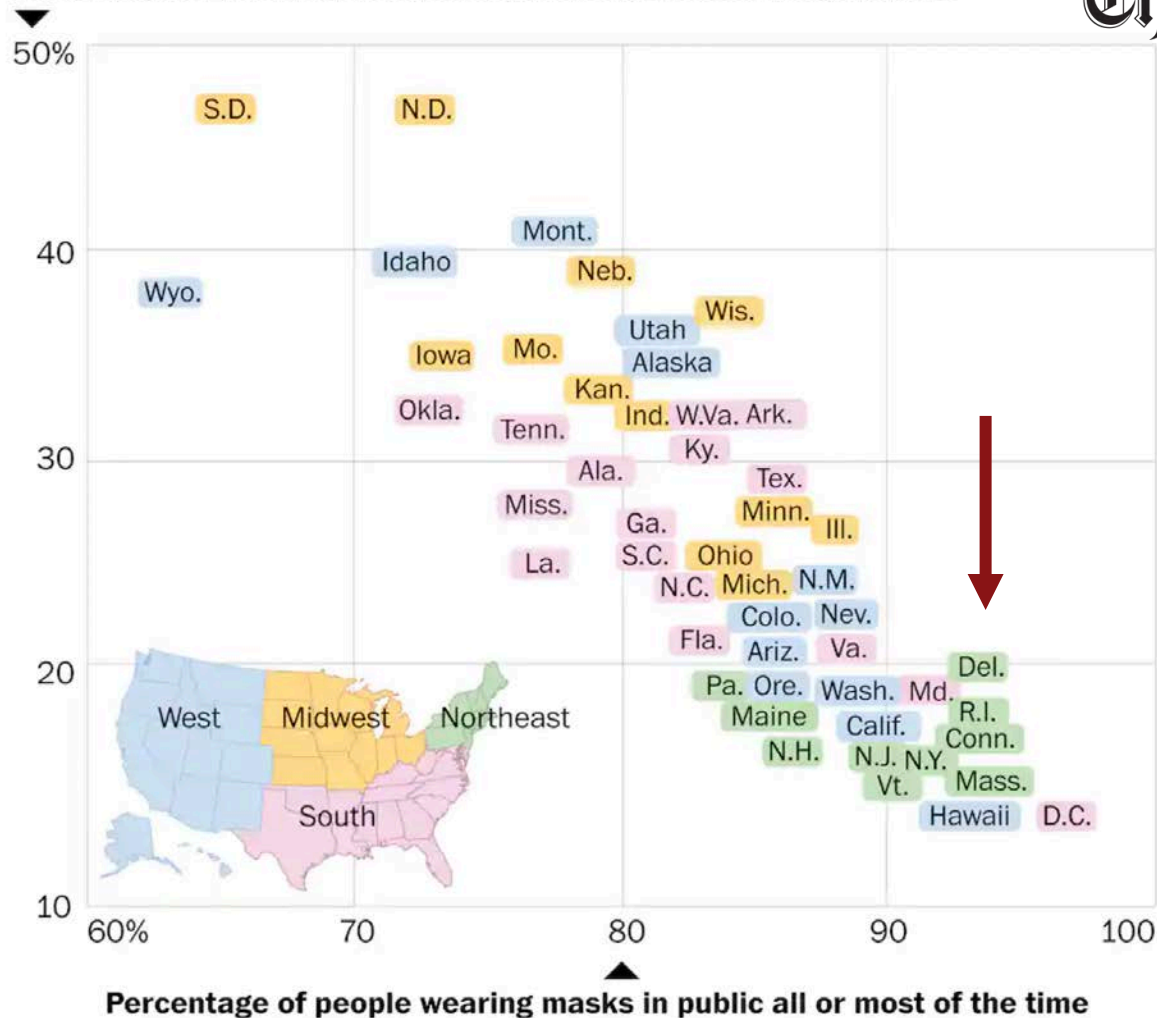
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

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## Masking up

Fewer covid-19 symptoms reported in states with higher rates of mask use.

Percentage of people who know someone with covid-19 symptoms



Data as of Oct. 19

Source: Delphi CovidCast, Carnegie Mellon University

THE WASHINGTON POST

The Washington Post

***“A powerful argument for wearing a mask, in visual form”***

**“Real-time pandemic data paints a vivid picture of the relationship between mask-wearing and the prevalence of covid-19 symptoms”**

**Link:** <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/10/23/pandemic-data-chart-masks/>

## Kent sees manufacturing growth despite pandemic

October 26, 2020

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Manufacturing has always been at the heart of Delaware's economy, but it's pulse may be in Kent County these days after it landed four companies in the past year that will bring roughly 179 jobs to central Delaware.

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for anyone in DE 18+**

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# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

11,441  
*children*  
*registered*



Register children under 5:  
[lib.de.us/imagination](http://lib.de.us/imagination)



# Virtual Costume Contest!

1. Post photo of costume on social media.

2. Use hashtag:

***#SafeHalloweenDE***

3. We'll repost our favorites on @JohnCarneyDE!

# **Dr. Karyl Rattay**

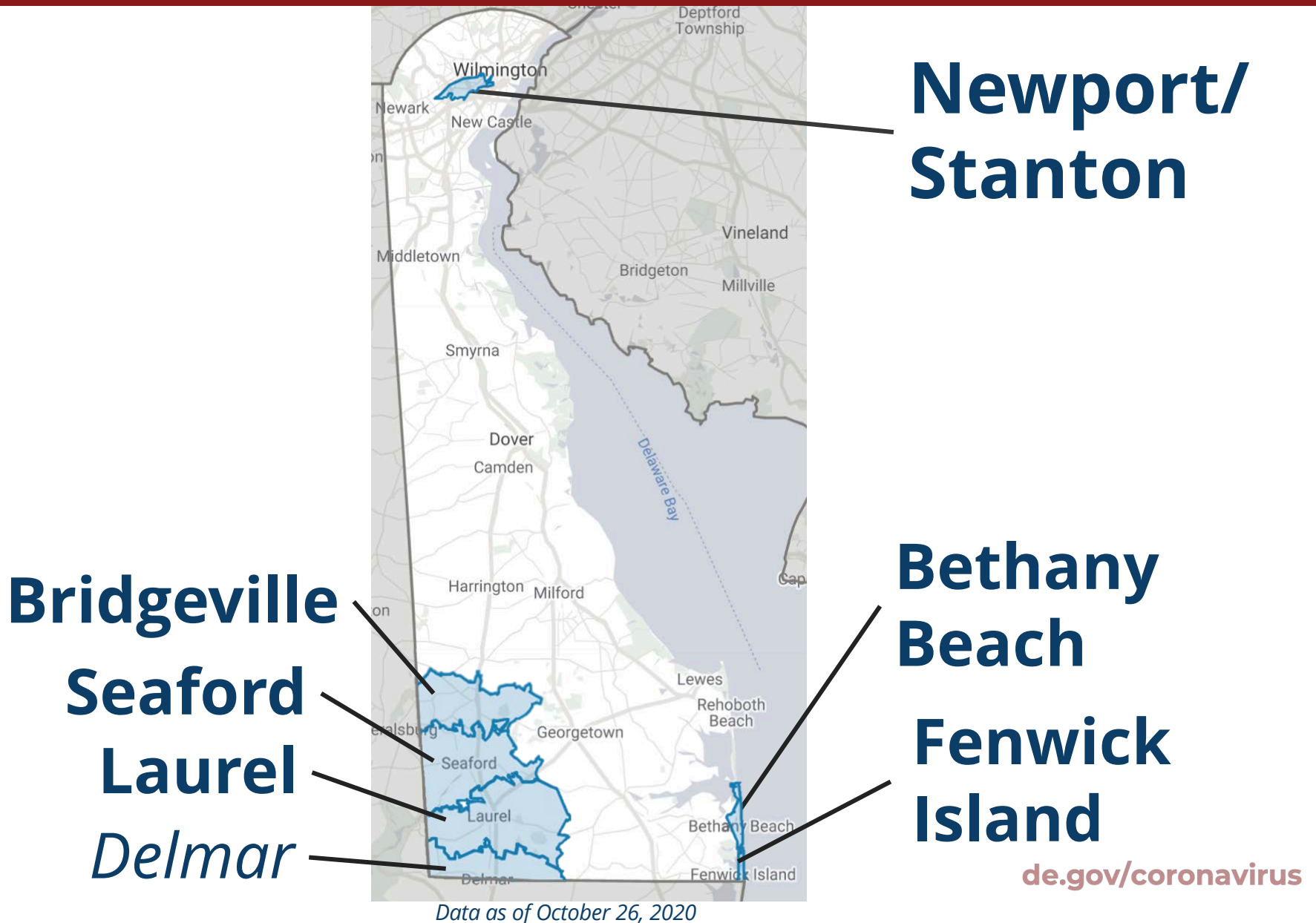
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**Director  
Delaware Division of Public Health**

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# Areas of Concern



# Long-term Care Cases

*September/October 2020*

<b>Kentmere Rehabilitation and Health Care Center</b> <i>Wilmington</i>	<b>54</b> <b>Residents</b>	<b>42</b> <b>Staff</b>
<b>Cadia Healthcare Silverside</b> <i>Wilmington</i>	<b>44</b> <b>Residents</b>	<b>32</b> <b>Staff</b>
<b>Regency Healthcare &amp; Rehab Center</b> <i>Wilmington</i>	<b>49</b> <b>Residents</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Staff</b>
<b>Country Rest Home</b> <i>Greenwood</i>	<b>31</b> <b>Residents</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Staff</b>
<b>Lofland Park Center</b> <i>Seaford</i>	<b>21</b> <b>Residents</b>	<b>&lt;10</b> <b>Staff</b>

# School Reopening Dashboard

## Planning Scenarios for Schools

	1 Minimal Community Spread	2 Minimal-to- Moderate Community Spread	3 Significant Community Spread
Description	Schools are open for in-person instruction.	Schools may use a hybrid model of remote learning and in-person learning options with precautions in place.	School buildings are closed — remote learning only.
Criteria			
New cases rate (per 100,000 people)	Fewer than 5	5 to 100	More than 100
% of tests that are positive	Less than 1%	1 to 8%	More than 8%
Avg. daily hospitalizations (per 100,000 people)	Fewer than 10	10 to 25	More than 25
Overall rating*	2 or more Minimal (green) ratings	2 or more Minimal-to-Moderate (yellow) ratings	2 or more Significant (red) ratings



*\*If there is one of each color, % of persons tested positive determines the overall rating.*

# More Detail

Status by Week	Overall Rating	New cases rate (per 100,000 people)	% of Tests that are Positive	Avg. Daily Hospitalizations (per 100,000 people)
10/17/2020 - 10/23/2020	Minimal-to-Moderate	90.4	3.1	10.8
<b>Percent positive in the following rows is based on the percent of people testing positive.</b> The numbers cannot be directly compared to newer reports (the rows above) which use the percent of tests that were positive. Previous reports also used different thresholds.				
10/10/2020 - 10/16/2020	Minimal-to-Moderate	95.6	5.4	11.1
10/03/2020 - 10/09/2020	Minimal-to-Moderate	94.8	6.0	9.5
09/26/2020 - 10/02/2020	Minimal-to-Moderate	97.6	7.7	7.3
09/19/2020 - 09/25/2020	Minimal-to-Moderate	72.2	6.5	6.1
Show/hide additional weeks ↓				

[View more detailed school reopening data →](#)

# New Thresholds

## Thresholds

Threshold	Dark Green	Light Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
New cases rate (per 100,000 people)	Fewer than 5	5-9	10 to 50	51-100	More than 100
Percent change in new cases (per 100,000 people)	Less than -25%	-25% - -11%	-10% - 0%	1% - 10%	Greater than 10%
Percent of tests that are positive	Less than 1%	1% - 3%	4% - 5%	6% - 8%	Greater than 8%
Percent change in percentage of tests that are positive	Less than -2%	-2% - -0.6%	-0.5% - 0.0%	0.1% - 0.5%	Greater than 0.5%
Rate of test results per 100,000 per week	More than 2000	1001 - 2000	750 - 1000	500-749	Fewer than 500
Percent change in test results per 100,000	Greater than 25%	11% - 25%	1% - 10%	-10% - 0%	Less than -10%
Average daily hospitalizations (per 100,000 people)	Fewer than 10	10 to 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	More than 25
Percent change in average daily hospitalizations (per 100,000 people)	Less than -10%	-10% - 0%	1% - 10%	11% - 25%	Greater than 25%

# Percent Change Metrics

## School Reopening Details

10/17/2020 - 10/23/2020 Statewide

Criteria	Current week	Percent change from previous week
New cases rate (per 100,000 people)	90.4	-7.3
Percent of tests that are positive	3.1	0.2*
Rate of test results per 100,000 per week	2,660	-18.0
Average daily hospitalizations (per 100,000 people)	10.8	-2.5

\* Indicates absolute change in percentage points



# County Data

## School Reopening Details

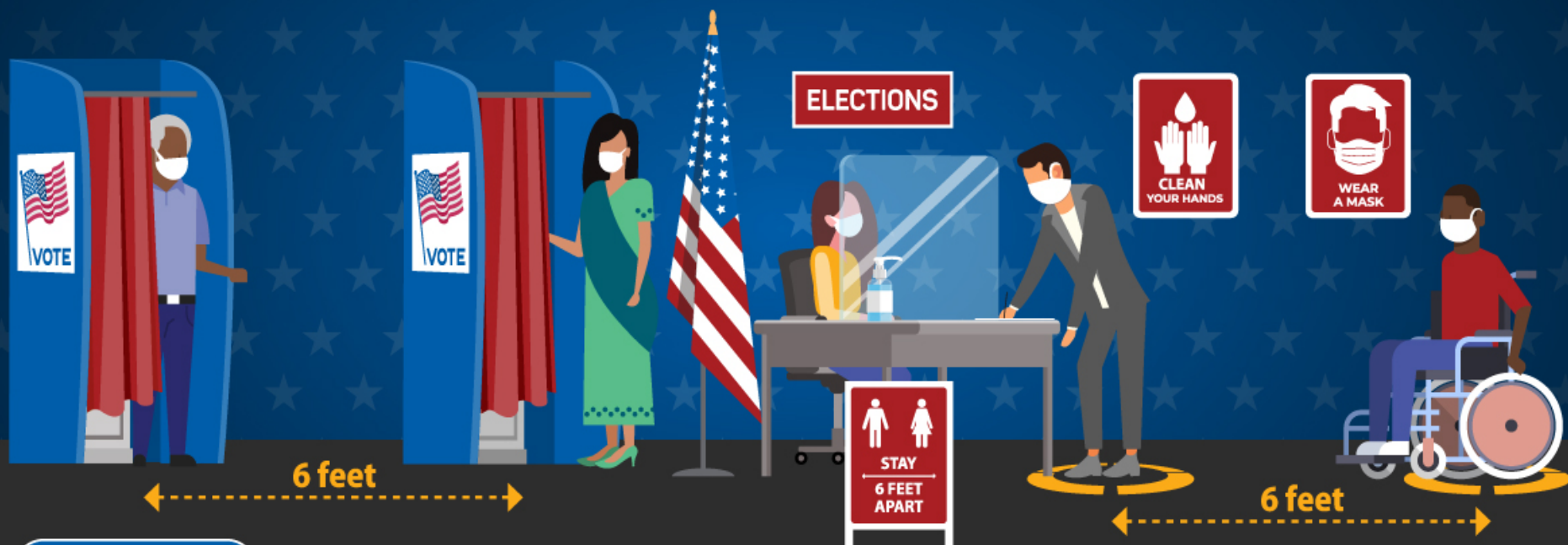
10/17/2020 - 10/23/2020 in New Castle County

Criteria	Current week	Percent change from previous week
New cases rate (per 100,000 people)	89.8	-9.9
Percent of tests that are positive	2.8	0.1*
Rate of test results per 100,000 per week	2,798	-23.5
Average daily hospitalizations (per 100,000 people)	9.4	-25.3

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# Use COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies at the Polls

## USE HEALTHY HABITS AT POLLING LOCATIONS (COVID-19)



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



# Observations – COVID Mitigation During DE Primary Election

## Face Coverings

- **99% observed use by most poll workers.**
- **Observed 98% voters wearing mask**

# Observations – COVID Mitigation During DE Primary Election

## Physical Modifications

- Spacing of voting booths  $\geq 6$  feet apart (88%)
- One-directional voter flow (80%)
- Visual cues to remind voters to stay  $\geq 6$  feet apart (87%).
  - 91% respondents reported frequently or very frequently observing voters maintaining  $\geq 6$  feet of distance from one another.

# Observations – COVID Mitigation During DE Primary Election

## Cleaning/Disinfecting/PPE

- 94% said hand sanitizer was available for poll workers and 82% for voters
- 93% reported that cleaning supplies were available;
- 91% of respondents reported frequently observed fellow poll workers cleaning high touch surfaces and equipment.

# Opportunities for Improvement

- Additional training regarding assisting sick voters
  - Request absentee or vote by mail ballot at **iVote portal ([ivote.de.gov](https://ivote.de.gov))**.
- Additional stock of cleaning/sanitizing products and PPE
- Increase use of physical barriers (i.e. – plexiglass stands) at registration tables

# COVID-19 Vaccine Planning

- COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force met Friday to bring partners up to speed and provide overview of activities to date.
- Executive Summary submitted to CDC on Monday. Approved version will be published.

# Stay Safe This Halloween

If you do participate in **high-risk activities** like trick-or-treating, remember to social distance, stay at least 6 feet away from anyone not from your household.



# Halloween Guidance

## Low-Risk

- **Pumpkin Carving**
- **Home decoration**
- **Virtual costume contest**
- **Halloween hunt for candy**

## Moderate-Risk

- **Pick your own pumpkin**
- **Trunk-or-treat**  
(with social distancing)
- **Wear face coverings**  
(costume masks don't count)
- **Provide treats without direct contact**

## High-Risk

- **Door-to-door trick or treat**
- **Indoor activities with people outside your house – costume parties, haunted houses**

# PREVENT THE SPREAD



**STAY HOME IF  
YOU'RE SICK**



**WASH HANDS  
FOR 20 SECONDS**



**WEAR A FACE  
COVERING OR MASK**



**STAY AT LEAST  
6 FT APART**



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# Director A.J. Schall

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**Delaware Emergency Management Agency**

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# Test-based Reporting

**343,141**

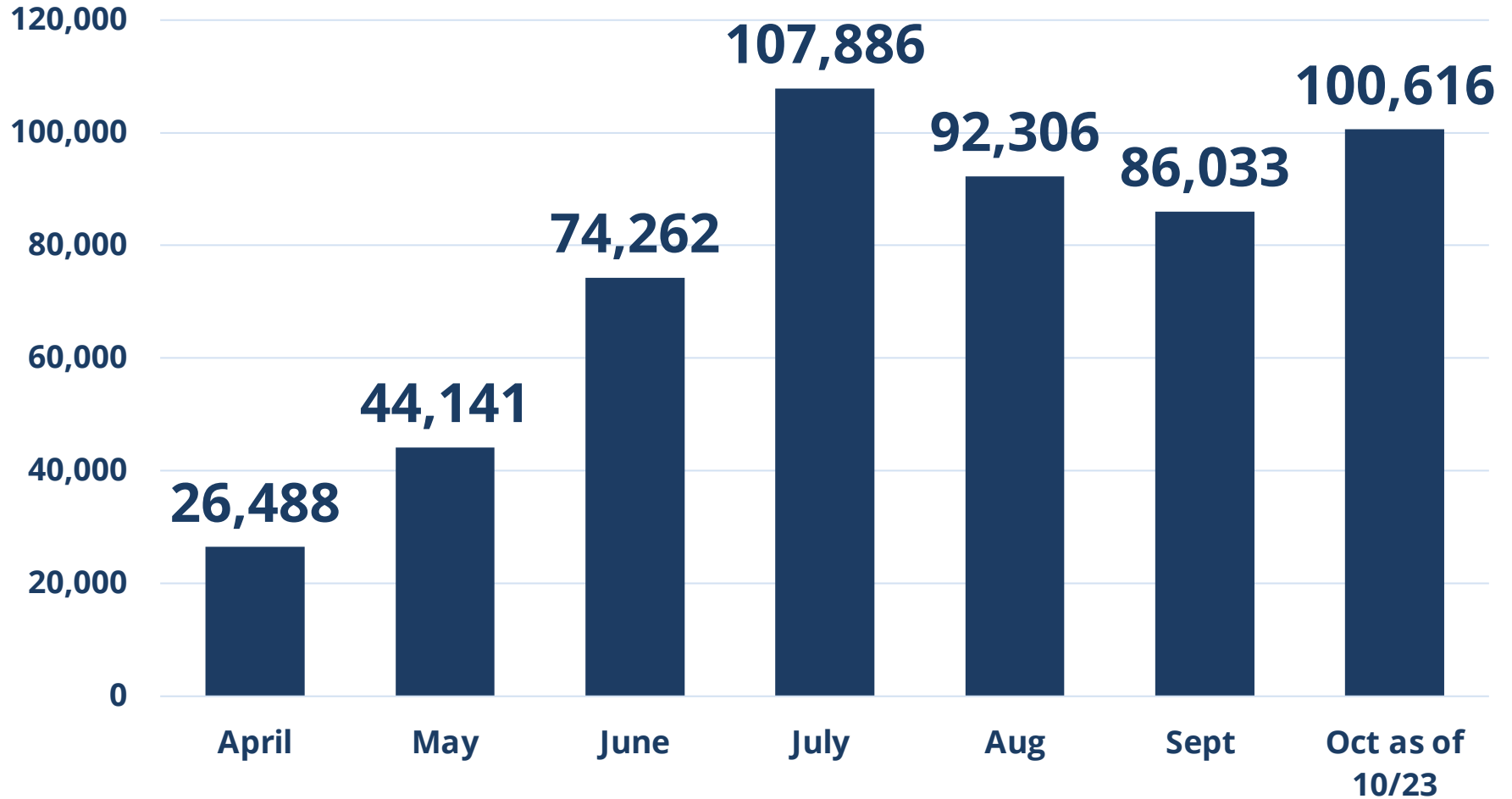
Total  
***Persons  
Tested***

**542,722**

Total  
***Tests  
Administered***

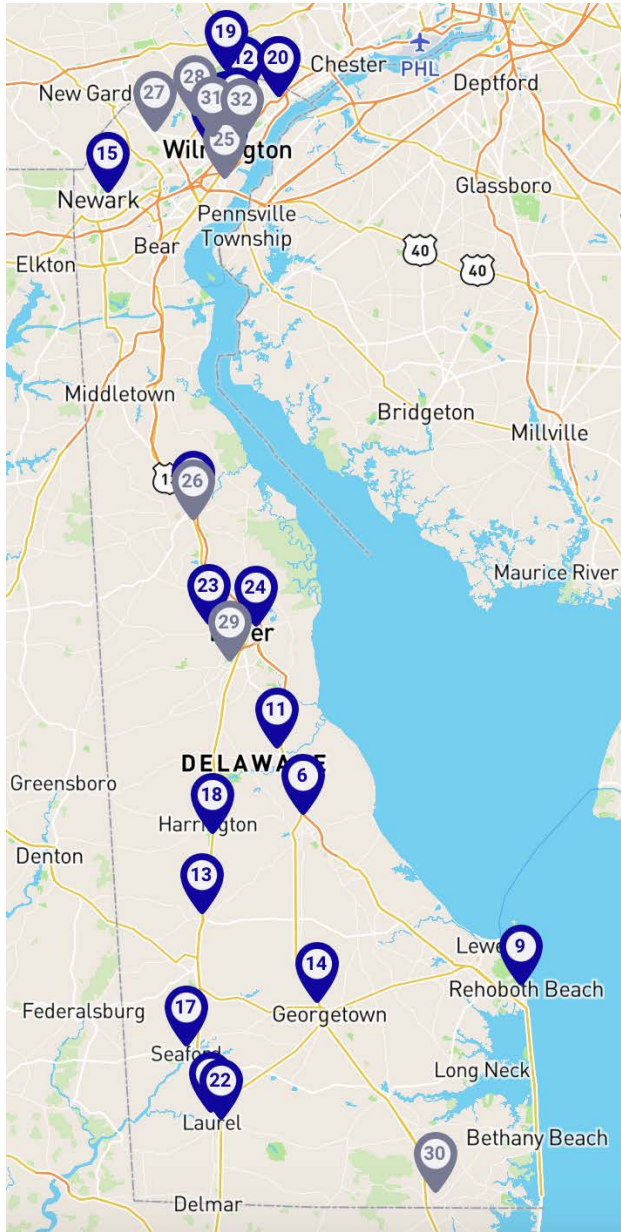
*Total count on October 27, 2020*

# Monthly Testing



## Community Sites by Month

Month	# of Sites
June	56
July	64
Aug	56
Sept	46
Oct	74



# Testing this Week

- **22 Events**
  - *In addition to permanent locations*
- **2 New Trailers**
  - *Ability to do 15 locations a week*

Find more information and additional testing locations:

**[de.gov/gettested](https://de.gov/gettested)**

# Improving Logistics

- **Result: 30.5 hours**  
**from collection time**
- **Goal: 24 hours**

# At-Home Testing

1. **Request a test kit** at **de.gov/hometest**  
(arrives the next day)
2. **Video chat** with medical staff to administer test
3. **Ship** the test kit to the lab at no cost to you
4. **Results** sent electronically 48-72 hours after lab receives test

## ***Requirements:***

- ✓ Live in Delaware
- ✓ Email address for each person being tested
- ✓ A smart phone or video-enabled computer/tablet

**de.gov/gettested**

# KNOW YOUR COVID-19 STATUS



Please get tested for coronavirus,  
whether you have symptoms or not.  
**You can help stop the spread.**

[de.gov/gettested](https://de.gov/gettested)



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**FIGHT the  
FLU!**

**GET YOUR VACCINE TODAY**



**[flu.delaware.gov](http://flu.delaware.gov)**



# Act with a sense of **community.**

- Wear a mask.
- Keep your distance.
- Wash your hands.
- Get tested.
- Download COVID Alert DE.
- **Protect your neighbors.**

For the latest updates:

**[de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)**